PRESIDENT: If honourable members say that they were not animated by such object, I am willing to accept the statement at its full face value and act upon that explanation.

Vanchi Poor Fund.

84. *MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU (*Karunagappalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is with the assent of the Government that the provision is made in the rules of the Vanchi Poor Fund that the local committees of the Fund should have on them the local Tahsildars and the Inspectors of Police; and

(*b*) whether it is one of the functions of the committees to collect funds?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: (*a*) & (*b*) The Government are not aware of any such rule.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: As a matter of fact the committee contains some Tahsildars. Is that not a fact?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: In some committees they are also members like others.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: Have they the permission of Government to be members?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: No permission is required, Sir.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Does not the Government realise that the presence of the Police and other officials has some effect on the workings of the Fund?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: No pressure is brought to bear upon any body by the officials.

PRESIDENT: I am surprised at the question. If really pressure was brought to bear upon the people, I am sure that the collections would have been not three lakhs but thirty or forty lakhs. Supposing the Government wanted to exercise pressure they could have easily collected even Rs. 50 lakhs. The fact that Tahsildars are in the committees does not mean that they are bringing pressure to bear upon any body. As a matter of fact, a certain Tahsildar who tried to exercise pressure for the purpose of benefiting himself and incidentally using the name of the Vanchi Poor Fund in order to exculpate himself was very rigorously punished on that account.

MR. M. L. JANARDHANA PILLAI: May I know whether in each one of these committees there are prominent non-officials?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Yes, Sir. There are very respectable and important non-officials on each one of these committees.

MR. M. L. JANARDHANA PILLAI: Is there any instance in which it was noticed that Police Inspectors were using their influence?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: There is not a single case like that.

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MR. P. O. THOMAS : (*Kunnathunad* cum *Parur*) Will the Government be pleased to issue a circular in order to clear the misunderstanding?

PRESIDENT : As a matter of fact, instructions will be issued to see that Tahsildars are associated with every committee.

MR. K. A. MATHEW : Is that an enunciation of Government policy ?

PRESIDENT : Yes, that is an enunciation of policy by me, as Dewan.

Road in Attipura pakuthi.

85. *MR. J. T. MORAES (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that the thickly populated village of Pallithurai in Attipura pakuthi, Trivandrum taluk has no road communication to reach the M. C. Road or with any other part of the taluk ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Chief Engineer, P. W. D.*) : Yes.

MR. J. T. MORAES : May I know whether the people of Pallithurai have given to Government the necessary land for the construction of the road to Kulathoor?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : I am not aware of that.

Road from Veli to Kadinamkulam.

86. *MR. J. T. MORAES : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the construction of a road from Veli to Kadinamkulam had been sanctioned ;

(*b*) whether a notification has been published in the Government Gazette for the acquisition of lands in the St. Andrews village in Menamkulam pakuthi for the construction of the above road ;

(*c*) whether funds were not provided in the Budgets for 1118 and 1119 ; and

(*d*) if so, whether the amount was utilised for the purpose ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : (*a*) Yes, for the first section.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) No.

MR. J. T. MORAES : May I know whether the Chief Engineer considers that this is an important road to be opened up?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : Sir, it is an important road and Government have sanctioned an estimate for its construction on condition that the people surrender the required land. Some owners have not yet surrendered lands. That is why the work has not yet been started. As soon as the land is surrendered the work will be taken up. There is provision made in the next year's budget.

MR. J. T. MORAES : May I know whether the majority of owners have surrendered lands?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : Yes, Sir, but not all.

MR. J. T. MORAES : May I know whether the Government would be able to acquire the land that has not been surrendered?

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